

REMARKS**Rejections Pursuant to 35 USC § 112**

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as indefinite for failure to clarify percentages by weight versus volume. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify claimed percentages as "by weight".

Claims 4, 8, 9, and 13, dependent from claim 1, have been rejected as indefinite for claiming "said nitrogenous component" in a manner lacking antecedent basis. Of these, claim 13 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to include reference to a "nitrogenous component" and thereby provide antecedent basis to the term for claims 4, 8, and 9.

Applicants respectfully request removal of rejections pursuant to 35 USC § 112.

Rejections Pursuant to 35 USC § 103

The Examiner has rejected independent claims 1 and 40 as being unpatentable over Ohmi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,795,582) in view of Ilardi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,466,389). Claim 40 has been canceled. Additionally, the Examiner has indicated that claim 13, dependent from claim 1, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 13 has been canceled and rewritten substantially as claim 1 by amending claim 1 to include the features of claim 13 related to a compound of the "nitrogenous component". Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and all dependent claims therefrom are in condition for allowance.

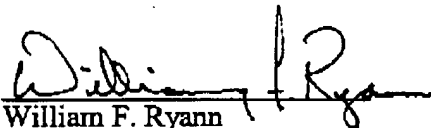
Applicants respectfully request removal of rejections pursuant to 35 USC § 103.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (203) 794-1100 should this be seen as helpful in advancement of prosecution of this application. Please charge deposit account 50-0860 in the amount of \$770 for the fee for the Request for Continued Application and in the amount of \$110 for the one month extension of time.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is due in connection with the foregoing. However, any deficiencies may be charged to the deposit account 50-0860.

Respectfully submitted,


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